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# Eddy County Wins; Others Fail---Why?

## CARLSBAD PROJECT MAKES SUCCESS EASY IN EDDY

Splendid Diversity of Crops Is Possible for Every Farmer Who Wishes to Make Good From Soil.

(By SCOTT BETTER)

Having been requested to write an article on this project for the Journal I feel that space forbids an extensive article, and at the same time this can not be done to this part of New Mexico without exceeding the limit.

The Carlsbad project is located in the southeastern part of the state of New Mexico. (The Sunshine State) and is one of the achievements that New Mexico can point to with pride.

This project is now under the direct supervision of the United States reclamation service in cooperation with the Pecos Water Users Association, the latter being the farmers themselves.

The funds under this project appeal to a class of people who think for themselves. It is just as well to inform of individual attention and just care enough to be well organized and managed.

To especially appeals to the prospective settler who desires to locate in our state, because it has been a pioneer in setting the pace of them all in perfecting improvements that will always protect its settlers and farms.

The Carlsbad project has had the day for all of them by putting in experimental canals and lateral to farmland any possible seepage conditions and where necessary has provided ample drainage.

As a result of this wise preparation the Carlsbad project is now getting settlers from the most inclement climate of the United States and Canada; men who invest their savings and are qualified to farm where conditions are right.

The climate of Carlsbad is possibly the very best, all things considered, of any place in the old west. The altitude, fine rest, invigorating pure and light air without the usual humidity of the eastern states. The days are never very hot as a result of the altitude while the nights are always cool.

The transportation facilities should not be overlooked, as the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway runs through the project in such manner that no place of importance is more than two miles from a station or landing point.

Carlsbad is a division point on the line to Kansas City and Denver sections is high on the south with the Texas and Pacific.

Carlsbad is the principal in the project and is noted for its retail and wholesale stores, its mineral springs, its schools and churches, besides being a winter resort that attracts people from all parts of the United States.

Electric light, water for domestic use and telephone service is furnished by the Public Utility company and their service extends over the entire project as well as the city of Carlsbad. This condition is seldom encountered in a project of this kind.

The crops of this valley and project consist of alfalfa, corn, wheat, cotton, sugar beets, sorghum, beans, oats, cantaloupe melons and all of the garden products.

Cotton, when planted, will produce a bale to the acre, while the alfalfa will make four cuttings per year.

Alfalfa and stock raising are not being combined with great profit and the old method of raising hay to ship is being supplanted by shipping it out "on the hoof" instead.

Able experts are maintained upon the project to instruct new farmers in irrigation and in the best methods of farming.

For an ideal home, with schools, churches, climatic condition, recreation and a place to raise your family the Carlsbad project country can not

be beaten, and the writer speaks from a seven years' experience.

## GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS ARE MOST BEAUTIFUL

(By Mrs. W. A. Poore.)

Fifteen miles southwest from Carlsbad are the foothills of the Guadalupe mountains. These mountains form a range, situated between the Pecos and Rio Grande rivers, which extends from Texas through southeastern New Mexico in a northwesterly direction.

The maximum altitude is from 5,000 to 8,000 feet above sea level and they are the southern extremity of the Colorado mountain range.

To the people of Carlsbad they are a source of wondrous pleasure and profit.

The tourist on first seeing Carlsbad, thinks the mountains which he sees to be that of a fortress rising in the midst of prairie grazing land. The town is densely shaded by large cottonwood trees and is surrounded by numerous tall, scrubby, and alfalfa fields of emerald green.

However, the feature which really arouses his curiosity as well as admiration is the long line of mountains in the blue distance whose rounded peaks make such an attractive background for the town.

For most travelers the most important thing in connection with the Guadalupe is the fact that the short cut route to El Paso from this part of the country leads them directly across the most traveled land.

The distance is 2½ miles and after the mountains are passed the trail ends.

There are three main cañons in the mountains one of which has a deep, narrow gully through the foothills of Carlsbad and empties into the Pecos river.

The others are "The Lost Canyon" and "The canyon and dry

valley" which are both excellent for irrigation.

On the way up the mountains there are several springs which are highly regarded by the stockmen running along their crevices. The largest and most interesting is "Spring Hill spring." Its stream has made a bed along most of its course and at one point makes a sudden turn of falls, the last and largest of which is about forty feet high and at drops its silver cascade into a circular stone basin of gigantic size. This is truly a wonder sight and would draw many visitors if it were more accessible and the road leading there less rocky.

A large natural forest reserve is to be found on top of the mountains consisting almost entirely of evergreen pine, pinon cypress and juniper form the main body of the forested areas and there are the beautiful mahogany which when once seen will never be forgotten.

Its mossy leaves and clusters of social flowers are a cheerful note to the landscape in winter.

The site for which some of the forest trees have attained scarcely amazing.

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